Basel Home 105 Franklin

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"The Old House" - 1955 -

106 - Franklin ave. Astoria, Ore.

Across the Street from Basel home.

Notes by Sheryl Baker Ginn, keeper of this photo collection
and descendant of Anna Emma Bertha Basel Peterson
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Carl "Rudolph" Wilhelm BÄSEL
& Christina "Marie" Christiane ZAAGE

Rudolph Basel was born 17 Jun 1852, Barth, Pommern, Germany. Barth is in the northeast corner of Germany near the Baltic Sea. He was the son of Johann Joachim BÄSEL and Carolina Friederica Dorothea HILGENDORF of Barth. Eleven children were born to that family.

Rudolph's youngest sister Beate also came to Astoria with her husband, William Moeller and their two young sons. Beate encouraged their sister Friederike's daughter, Elizabeth Meyer, to come to Astoria. Lizzy married G.F. Petersen and raised a family. Her brother, Rudolf Meyer, who worked on ships was in an out of the area.

Rudolph went to sea as a youth, became a ships carpenter and sailed the seven seas. He married Marie Zaage 24 Jun 1877 in Kenz, near Barth. Their oldest child, Rudolph Carl Ernst "R.C." Basel was born in Barth on 11 Feb 1878.

Rudolph continued his sailing career. In about 1880 he was shipwrecked near Madagascar in a typhoon. The natives helped the crew members make their way to a place where ships regularly passed by and they could catch a ride home but it meant traveling on foot a long distance and took a very long time. Meanwhile, his wife and young son were at home in Barth, waiting and worrying for him.

After he was safely back home, daughter Anna Emma Bertha "Annie" BASEL was born on 24 April 1883.

This was not the first time Rudolph had been shipwrecked and he decided it was time to leave the sea. On one of his voyages, he had sailed to Astoria, Oregon, in the U.S.A. And he decided to settle his family there. It appears that he found a job on a ship headed for Astoria and jumped ship when they arrived. According to what he wrote in the family Bible, the arrival date was 12 March 1883. The next day, 13 March, he filed his intention to become a U.S. Citizen. He was naturalized 5 years later in April 1888.

In July of 1883 a fire in Astoria started at a waterfront sawmill at about 14th Street and swept east, destroying that part of the town. I have wondered if the need to rebuild enhanced Rudolph's chances of finding carpenter jobs. He worked for many years as a home builder and a general contractor in Astoria.

He must have prepared a place for Marie and their two children to live and they joined him six months after his arrival. On 24 Oct 1883 they, along with Marie's parents, left Hamburg, Germany, on the S.S. Fresia bound for New York where they arrived on 5 Nov 1883. They took the train west, probably as far as Portland, Oregon, and then boarded a stern-wheeler to

Astoria, arriving on 26 Nov 1883.

Young Rudolph was 5 ½ and little Anna was only 6 months old when they arrived in Astoria. Six more children were born to the Basels in Astoria – Mary, Edith, John, Lena and two little girls who lived only a short time.

I'm not sure where the family first lived but it wasn't long before Rudolph had built a house for them at the top of Franklin Avenue. It was a very small house for raising such a large family. Grandma (Anna) told me that when the family first moved up there, it was wilderness. I think she said they had a cow and goats, probably chickens and of course, a vegetable garden. I remember that Great Grandma Basel grew raspberries when I was around - well into her 80s. The house was remodeled but remained in the family at least through 2000.

I think the family spoke German a lot of the time and the children learned German right along with English. But, they did not pass that knowledge along to their children.

Rudolph Basel died in Astoria on 10 September 1935. Marie died in November 1947 at the age of 90. Both are buried at Greenwood Cemetery, as are the Zaages.

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Uncle Rudolf &
Rudolf Meyers

Cousins

Onkel Rudolph
in Basel
Rudolph Meyer

Greetings

Beate Basel Möller
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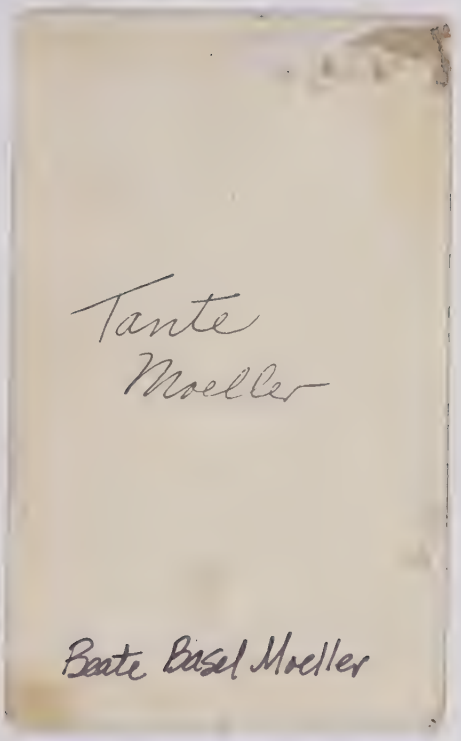

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Auntie Moeller
in Center
Germany

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Baltic Sea
To Trelleborg, Sweden
Prerow
Zingst
Sassn
Born/Darss
Barther Bodden
Gross Mohrdorf
Island of Rügen
Barth
Bodstedt
Wustrow
Divitz
Kenz
Frauendorf
Saatel
Wobblekow
Pantelitz
stralsund
Langenhaushagen
Starkow/Velgast
Barthe River
Ribnitz
Damgarten
Pantlitz
Rostock
Semlow
To Berlin
NORDVORPOMMERN
(not to scale) Drawn by Sheryl Baker Ginn

Basel - Zaage Family who remained in Germany

Rudolph's sister, Johanna "Friederike" Elisabeth Bäsel married Karl Augustus Julius Meyer and they moved from Barth, farther west to Kiel. They had 12 children. Daughter Elizabeth came to Astoria and married G.F. Peterson. They raised their children on a dairy farm in the Lewis and Clark area near Astoria.

Their son Rudolf was a seaman who came to the Pacific Northwest and spent part of his time in Astoria.

Albert Bäsel was Rudolph's next younger brother. He stayed in eastern Germany and his descendants lived behind the Iron Curtain. Some moved to the Island of Rugen.

I don't know the identity of the others.

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Rudolph's brother
Albert
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